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1. [ ] Miss Stephany Chaconas, in the office of Representative Alphonzo Bell, called and requested application forms for a constituent who wants to be an "agent." Forms were sent out.

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2. [ ] Ruth Price, in the office of Senator Sam Ervin, called to say that a constituent, Mr. Jack Warner of the Hess Oil Company, had been in touch with them regarding problems he is having in collecting damages for an auto accident from an Agency employee. Miss Price merely wanted to know who in the Agency Mr. Warner could be in touch with. I told her to have Mr. Warner call [ ] OGC. No further action is required as far as Senator Ervin's office is concerned.

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3. [ ] James Kendall, Chief Counsel, Senate Preparedness Subcommittee, said they plan to call on us shortly, perhaps during the week of 25 January, for a briefing on the Soviet bomber threat. He said they would first probably want a briefing for the staff only, but might later schedule one for the full Subcommittee. Kendall said that, although their interest was primarily centered in manned bombers, the staff briefing should also cover recent ICBM developments. He will let us know as soon as their plans are firm.

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4. [ ] Met with Russ Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, whom I briefed on recent developments regarding the Soviet Far East military district, ChiCom naval installations, SAM sites in Cuba, SAM deployment in the USSR, and Soviet naval activity in Cuba.

Blandford said that during his recent convalescence he had been doing a lot of reading and become convinced that some of our most serious and least appreciated problems lay in the Western Hemisphere. He doubted that we had a single reliable friend in Latin America, pointed out our dependence on Latin American resources (such as oil from Venezuela) and complained that while Latin American political trends were running strongly against us all of our attention was focused on Southeast Asia where we had no strategic interests and very little influence.

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5. [ ] Met with Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, whom I briefed on recent developments regarding the Soviet Far East military district, ChiCom naval installations, SAM sites in Cuba, SAM deployment in the USSR, and Soviet naval activity in Cuba. Mr. Slatinshek and I also discussed Committee matters. He said it would probably take a week for the new Congress to organize itself after it convenes on 21 January, and the Committee membership would not be decided upon until then. He is not sure that all of the existing vacancies will be filled, and expressed the hope that they would not, since he feels the Committee is already too large. He commented that so far as the Agency was concerned we couldn't have a better chairman than Mr. Hebert.

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7. [ ] Judy Spahr, Senate Subcommittee on National Security and International Operations, called to say that Senator Jackson had asked her to obtain from the Agency an unclassified map of the Middle East which he could use for briefing purposes. We are checking on it.

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Mr. Kuhl told me that the Committee Organization and Planning meeting will be held about 26 January. At that meeting, determination should be made as to the dates for scheduling posture hearings with the Secretary of State and related matters. I thanked Mr. Kuhl for the advice.

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11. [redacted] In a chance meeting, I talked to Mr. John H. Sullivan, Staff Consultant, House Committee on Foreign Affairs, who told me that consideration is being given, at the staff level, for a request for a briefing on the Soviet Union and China for the Subcommittee on National Security Policy and Scientific Developments to which the full Committee would be invited or to a request from Chairman Morgan for the same briefing for the full Committee. He does not expect any further definition on this question, however, until after the Congress convenes on the 21st.

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